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SENATOR CLARK: I don't think we'll have any hearings in the afternoon, no, because we're going to try and finish the budget tomorrow night.

PRESIDENT: Then the Budget Committee would be here in the morning, Friday?

SENATOR CLARK: Yes.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stromer.

SENATOR STROMER: Mr. President, and would Senator Clark yield to a question? Senator Clark, your intention is to be done then with the budget by tomorrow night.

SENATOR CLARK: We'll be done with the budget, we'll not be out by that time. We'll be done with it but I mean.....

SENATOR STROMER: Your committee report, I mean your committee work part would be done so there would be no reason why we couldn't go ahead on Friday.

SENATOR CLARK: That's right.

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas. Senator Syas wants the floor.

SENATOR SYAS: Well, I think it's been pretty well settled but my thought is along with Senator Carpenters. That we have to meet tomorrow because we've got an appropriation that has to be signed if the Lieutenant Governor ever gets back or Senator Proud. It's holding up the Legislature but after today on non-controversial bills and after tomorrow afternoon on non-controversial bills, unless we can have the Legislature in here on Friday, the way I look at it, we're done. Because there's a limit to how many non-controversial bills there are up there. And I think this afternoon and tomorrow afternoon there won't be any more and you can't operate with 16 people gone from this Legislature on controversial bills. So I wish this Legislature....I agree with Senator Carpenter.... make up their minds whether they're going to be here or we're going to take off Friday because we'll have to take off Friday if there's going to be 16 people missing from this chamber. So, I agree with Carpenter that we've got to do something. We can't continue to limp along like we've been doing. We can do it today with, we've got enough in here to clear up some controversial bills but how much longer we can do this. I think our time's running out.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: I'd like to support Senator Carpenter on not meeting here Friday and the only question then would be whether you want to adjourn at noon or at 3:00 or 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon Thursday. I'd take either.

PRESIDENT: We're ready for you, Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I move, Mr. President, we proceed as if we have enough here today and if we do have, we'll stay here and if we don't have, have difficulty, then we ought to adjourn and get out of here. Let's let tomorrow take care of itself.

PRESIDENT: First bill up on General File is LB1011. Senator Clark.